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FOLLOWING IS EXPANDED COVERAGE OF FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL'S REMARKS
ON CYPRUS IN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN MAY 12 CUMHURIYET (REFTELS:

BEGIN QUOTE: ABOVE ALL, I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU MEAN
BY CONCESSIONS (IN REGARD TO A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT). DO YOU IMAGINE
THAT WE DISCUSS WHAT WILL BE GIVEN TO THE OTHER SIDE IN ORDER TO
BE ABLE TO NEGOTIATE THE
MATTER AND THAT WE SIT AT THE CONFERENCE TABLE AFTER SUCH
PREPARATIONS? NOT AT ALL. NO CONCESSIONS CAN BE GIVEN. THERE
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IS NO NEED FOR CONCESSIONS. A SOLUTION IS SOUGHT MUTUALLY. THIS

SOLUTION MAY PUT CERTAIN COMMITMENTS ON BOTH SIDES. AS WE ARE FOLLOWING A NATIONAL POLICY ON CYPRUS, WE CONSIDER WHETHER OUR POLITICAL PARTIES AND THE OPPOSITION PARTIES AGREE ON THE SOLUTION. IF WE ARRIVE AT SUCH A CONCLUSION, THEN WE STAND BEFORE PARLIAMENT AND SAY, 'WE HAVE FOUND A POSSIBILITY OF REACHING AN AGREEMENT UL CYPRUS WITH THE OTHER SIDE ON THE FOLLOWING CONDITION. OUR GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL PARTIES HAVE ACCEPTED IT AND THE PUBLIC OPINION CONSIDERS IT ACCEPTABLE. WHAT DO YOU SAY?'

THE PROBLEMS ARE OBVIOUS. THE GOVERNMENT BEFORE US SAID 'WE CAN DISCUSS FRONTIERS.' WHAT IS THE LIMIT? WHAT ASPECT OF IT CAN BE DISCUSSED? ALL THESE QUESTIONS SHAPE UP AT NEGOTIATIONS WITH ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED. THE GREEK GOVERNMENT HAS DIFFICULTIES, WE UNDERSTAND THEM. WE ALSO HAVE OUR DIFFICULTIES. WE TOO HAVE OUR OWN CONDITIONS. LET US SEE IF WE CAN COMPROMISE OUR MUTUAL VIEWS ON ONE POINT....

FIRST THE TWO COMMUNITIES TALK ON HOW THEY CAN LIVE SIDE BY SIDE. THEN THE TWO STATES WILL FACE EACH OTHER. THERE IS A CONSTITUTION UNDER OUR PROTECTION. THERE IS A PAINFUL PAST BEHIND US. SAY THE COMMUNITIES REACH AN AGREEMENT ON SOME WAY OF PREVENTING A RETURN TO IT, WE WILL STILL LOOK AT WHAT KIND OF STATUS WE CAN GIVE TO THE ISLAND. IF ALL THESE VIEWS ARE RECONCILED ON ONE POINT THEN IT MEANS A POLITICAL FORMULA HAS APPEARED. THAT WILL BE THE FORMULA WHICH WE WILL DISCUSS, THAT PICTURE IS NOT KNOWN TODAY. WHAT IS THIS PICTURE? AND TO WHAT EXTENT WILL THE GOVERNMENT, THE OPPOSITION, THE TURKISH PUBLIC FAVOR THAT PICTURE? THIS IS A WORKING PROCEDURE. THEREFORE, THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION OF CONCESSIONS. END QUOTE.
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